

## PLANE TANK EXPLODES IN FIRE

Blaze Starts in Gardner and Randall's Planing Mill in West Hoboken and Quickly Spread to Piles of Lumber.

## ONE MAN FATALLY HURT AND TWO OTHERS INJURED.

Seven Fire Companies Were Called from Jersey City and Two from Hoboken to Fight the Flames.

A fire which caused \$125,000 damage broke out this afternoon in the lumber yard of Gardner and Randall's planing mill in West Hoboken. The West Hoboken Fire Department, unable to cope with the conflagration, was augmented by seven companies from Jersey City and two from Hoboken.

Three men were seriously hurt. One of them will die. He was a workman in the planing mill where the fire started and jumped from the fourth story when the building was enveloped in flames. Two of his companions jumped on him, breaking his ribs and causing internal injuries.

Beginning in the planing mill of Gardner and Randall at Berrell and Spring streets, the fire rapidly spread to the vast stores of lumber in the immediate neighborhood. In half an hour the planing mill was in ashes.

Two big gasoline tanks owned by the ownership and which supplied the city with material for lighting exploded from the excessive heat with a great deafening roar, spreading shafts of flame in all directions. A few moments before the explosion the streets had been cleared by the police of thousands of people who had gathered to witness the fire.

Fortunately no one was injured by the explosion.

Flames Quickly Spread.

The value of the planing mill was only \$5,000, but the fire could not be checked until it had spread to the lumber piles. These are now burning themselves out despite the efforts of the firemen who have streams and streams of water playing on them. The lumber alone is valued at \$500,000.

Fifty yards away from the piles of lumber was the big tank. It was early seen that this was the most dangerous spot in the range of the fire, and the police were sent to clear the great crowds which had gathered to watch the blaze from the best vantage point.

Men, women and children had to be forced back with clubs before they could escape.

Explosion Terrified Crowd.

The explosion of this gasoline tank was the most sensational and picturesque effect of the fire. The roar could be heard all over the town and sounded like the roar of a thousand guns. Terrified, the crowds on the outskirts took flight and left the police unhampered in their work for the first time since the start of the blaze. But soon after finding that the one source of danger to them was dissipated the crowds returned.

When the fire started in the planing mill there were forty men at work on the ground floor. There was but one exit and all crowded out that way. None was hurt on the ground floor, and it was thought that all in the upper stories had come down the stairs unharmed.

Wounded from Fourth Floor.

This was an error. With the flames burning from the roof, Henry Lankier, of No. 125 Newark avenue, Jersey City, Frank Williams, of No. 11 High Point avenue, West Hoboken, and Ernie Kras, of No. 141 Griffith street, Jersey City, were seen at a window on the fourth floor. Kras was the first to fall out there and he dropped. He landed on his feet and was seemingly unharmed.

The other two men followed in quick order that they landed on top of Kras. Several of Kras's ribs were broken, and he received severe internal injuries. He was taken to Christ Hospital, where it is said he will die. Williams had his ankles fractured and Lankier had his arm broken.

The power-house of the Public Service Corporation on Palisade avenue is but a short distance from the burning lumber piles and all the feed wires running into it have been destroyed. The heat was so intense in the building that the men working there were forced to leave. The trolley service of West Hoboken will be shut off to-night.

The water pressure is so low and the supply of water so scarce that the firemen had doubly hard time in their battle with the flames.

## WOMAN KILLED BY FALL FROM WINDOW

Mrs. Mary R. Miller, Stricken with Attack of Epilepsy While Visiting Friend, Drops from Fifth Story to Street.

Mrs. Mary R. Miller, twenty-five years old, of No. 330 Sixth street, was killed by falling from the fifth story window of the house at No. 292 Second street to-day during an epileptic seizure.

Mrs. Miller had gone to the house to visit a friend, Mrs. Barbara Link. She was in a chair near an open window, when she was seized by an epileptic attack. She fell backward and struck her head on the sill of the window.

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## TAMMANY WILL RATEY TO-NIGHT

Great Open-Air and Indoor Meetings to Show the Loyalty of the Organization to Parker and Davis.

## BOURKE COCKRAN HEADS THE LIST OF ORATORS.

Five Bands Will Furnish the Music, and Tammany Cohorts Will March with Flaming Torches to Light the Way.

Tammany will open the national campaign to-night with a resounding boom. The Wigwag has completed arrangements for a monster mass meeting on Fourteenth street, open air and indoor.

A host of speakers, among them Bourke Cockran, will address the multitudes assembled by the district leaders from all over the city. There will be a half dozen outdoor stands from which the Tammany orators will hold forth in English, German, Italian and Norwegian.

The indoor meeting in Tammany Hall will be presided over by James W. Gerard. George E. Best, chairman of the committee on arrangements, fears that the capacity of the hall will be greatly taxed, and has called upon the police for an extraordinary force to handle the crowd.

For the overflow there will be eloquence of sufficient volume to engage a wide area. As far as Irving place provisions have been made for the overflow with a suggestion of stands for spellbinders of note.

Speakers in the Hall.

At the indoor meeting the following speakers will ratify the nomination of Parker and Davis and speak in behalf of party success: W. Bourke Cockran, T. C. Crane, M. Warley Platts, Justice George F. Roebuck, Senator Thomas F. Grady and former Governor Antonio Zucchi.

Four stands have been erected in front of Tammany Hall for the open air meeting, and they will be in charge of Corporation Counsel John Delany and Congressman William Sulzer. Other stands will be presided over by Ferdinand Levy and Charles G. F. Wible, who will speak from a platform raised in front of Luchow's restaurant.

Another stand has been placed in the center of Irving place, and here the Italian voters will be assembled to listen to a speech by ex-Governor Zucchi.

Music by Five Bands.

While the crowds are assembling there will be music from five bands headed by the ever-present Sixty-ninth Regiment musicians. There will be torchlight processions from every Tammany district in the city. Red lights will burn over the meetings break up, and there will be a continuous display of fireworks and the firing of bombs.

Charles Murphy has ordered all the district leaders within walking distance of Tammany Hall to get out their cohorts and march to the great meeting. Early in the evening the clans in the different districts will gather and march with flaming torches and blazing bands to the hall. Every effort is to be made to make the meeting a memorable one and the enthusiasm will be of the frantic kind.

## CONSUL M'WADE OUT OF OFFICE

President Roosevelt, Acting on Charges Made Against the United States Representative at Canton, Removes Him.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Robert M. McWade, United States Consul General at Canton, China, to-day was removed from office by President Roosevelt. Charges made against him recently were investigated by Assistant Secretary of State, who went to the Orient to make an investigation of several of the United States consulates in China and Japan.

Secretary Pelie's report to the President strongly sustains the charges made against Consul-General McWade. The order for McWade's dismissal went forward this afternoon.

## NAVY DESERTER RETURNS TO WORK

After Living as a Hermit in Old Hut for Two Weeks, August Lang Surrenders and Will Receive Punishment.

August Lang, who formerly lived at No. 335 East Eighth street, and afterward entered the Navy, from which he deserted, was sent back to the Brooklyn Navy-Yard to-day to fill out his term and receive the Government's punishment meted out to deserters.

Lang risked his life to desert, and lived as a hermit for two weeks to avoid the police.

Lang jumped from the training ship Hancock two weeks ago and swam to the foot of Seventy-ninth street. There he found an old hut which he occupied, going out occasionally for food and then hiding. His actions were so suspicious that some of the people who saw him notified the police.

Lang admitted that he was a deserter and in the Harlem Court to-day asked that he be sent back to the Navy Yard. Policemen Libby, who discovered Lang, will get \$3 reward offered by the Government.

## KUROKI, SKETCHED FROM LIFE AT HIS HEADQUARTERS



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## HEIRESS SUES TO GET PROPERTY WORTH \$100,000

Action Brought in White Plains Against Western Men May Be Forerunner of Fight Over Estate Worth \$1,000,000.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Sept. 14.—An interesting suit was brought in the Supreme Court at White Plains to-day by Mrs. Dora S. Thompson, daughter of the late Parley M. Thompson, a millionaire banker, who formerly resided at Hartsdale, and who died in Germany, against William R. Stebbins, John H. Porter and William Garwood, all of Denver, Colo., for ejectment and to recover a large amount of real estate in Westchester County, in which she claims a one-third undivided interest, and which she alleges is being withheld from her, and also for \$100,000 damages for keeping the same from her.

Justice Herrick also granted an order for serving the complaint on the defendants by publication. It is said that this action is but a forerunner of a contest over estate valued at \$1,000,000 which was left by Mr. Stebbins. So far as can be learned, it is said that the will of Mr. Stebbins has just been filed at Denver and that by its provisions his four children are cut out with a small bequest, while a deed of trust is in the will, by which the property at Hartsdale, which Mrs. Thompson claims, is to provide part of the funds for the establishment of an orphan asylum for boys at Denver, while a large amount of the big estate is inherited by friends in Denver and in Berlin and Rome.

About five years ago Mrs. Thompson, through County Judge Platt, of White Plains, who brought the suit, secured a judgment against her father for \$25,000 on the ground that he had promised to pay her \$25,000 as her share in the partition of her mother's estate if she would sign an agreement to that effect.

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## ANOTHER RUSSIAN WARSHIP DUE HERE

Korea Reported Off Pacific Coast Headed for United States Port, While Other Russian Scouts Are Near.

## LENA NOW AT 'FRISCO; WILL LIKELY DISMANTLE.

Evidence That Vessel Was Sent Out to Prevent the Transport of Contraband Goods Destined for Japan.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—The correspondent of the Echo de Paris at St. Petersburg has telegraphed to his paper as follows: "The Ministry of Marine tells me, regarding the arrival of the Russian transport Lena, at San Francisco, that another vessel, the Ticonderoga, is also due at an American port on the Pacific. Orders have been sent to the Russian ships to scrupulously conform with the American neutrality rules, which are expected to permit them taking on enough coal to reach Vladivostok."

Situation Very Delicate.

"I consider the situation very delicate, as there is evidence that the ships were destined to prevent the transport of contraband goods from the United States to Japan, and perhaps capture vessels carrying contraband."

"An Admiral of the Staff of the Emperor and closely related to Viceroy Alexieff tells me that Alexieff eventually will succeed Foreign Minister Lamondoff and that he will adopt a strong diplomatic policy."

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 14.—The Admiralty still declares it is without official advice relative to the presence of the Russian transport Lena at San Francisco. The possibility of her disarmament and other kindred questions will not be discussed and decided until the Admiralty is in possession of full facts regarding the situation.

Telegraphic inquiries, however, have elicited the information from Vladivostok that the Lena was sent to the Pacific with a view of stopping the shipment of contraband of war.

Other Russian Scouts.

There is an intimation also, but this is not official, that several other vessels, probably merchantmen purchased in Germany and converted into armed cruisers, are in the Pacific on a similar mission.

If the United States declines to permit the Lena to have ample time in which to make complete repairs without which she could not venture to undertake a long voyage either back to Vladivostok or home by way of Cape Horn, it seems probable that Russia will acquiesce to the decision to disarm her.

There is no discussion here to criticize the course of the United States so far as it is revealed in the press dispatches.

## "WIRE TAPPERS" AHEAD \$7,000

Might Have Buncoed Brooklyn Man Out of \$5,000 More if He Hadn't Suddenly Seen a Great Light.

Having already spent \$7,000 in an attempt to beat the pool-rooms, and with a roll of \$5,000 more in his pocket with which he designed a final attempt, Constant Delaney, a merchant, of No. 709 Broadway, Brooklyn, felt a sudden light spring in on him as he was riding to Manhattan on a bridge car, and when he got off at the terminal consulted the first policeman he met.

He told the blue coat that two exceedingly engaging young men, whom he knew as John Ryan, a clerk, of No. 20 Amsterdam avenue, and Frederick Harris, of No. 22 West Seventy-eighth street, were teaching him how to win a fortune by beating the pool-rooms. A month ago, he explained, he met these men, and was informed by them they were expert telegraphers and had devised a system by which they could hold out advance information from a big up-town poolroom.

Wire Got Crossed.

The first got him to invest \$2,000 on a horse on Sept. 11. Somehow their wires had crossed and the horse lost. A week later he repeated the experiment with \$1,000. The same morning completely reduced a roll of \$7,000.

To account for these failures he had been piled with the most specious excuses. He had believed them until his sudden thought on the car that his confederates in the scheme might not be honest. He asked the policeman simply if he thought he ought to let go of the \$5,000 in another trial.

Policeman Nearly Fainted.

The policeman nearly fainted at the frank question, and called Detective-Sergeants Sullivan and Glennon into conference. They accompanied Mr. Delaney to a saloon on the corner of Church street and Park place, where he was to meet his two friends. He pointed them out and they gathered around them. They were taken to Police Headquarters and looked up on a charge of grand larceny. They will be arraigned to-morrow in the Jefferson Market Police Court.

NO WILD WEST RECEIVER.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 14.—Judge Lanning, in the United States Circuit Court, filed an opinion to-day dismissing the suit of Frederick E. Maeder for the appointment of a receiver for the Buffalo Hill Wild West Company.

Judge Lanning also decided that Maeder was not entitled to any interest in the assets of the company, and he refused to set aside the transfer of certain stock of the company to James J. Bailey.

## MUNCALSEN'S LAURELS LOST

Youthful Edward Kass, with Weird Tale of Hold-Up in Madison Avenue, Entitled to Prevarication Honors.

## BINDS AND GAGS HIMSELF TO HOODWINK POLICE.

Afterward Confesses and Says He Put Up Job to Avoid Censure for Looting \$113 of Employer's Cash.

Edward Kass, the youthful driver for J. M. Farrington, a butcher, of No. 34 Fourth avenue, Greenpoint, who was found bound and gagged in his wagon at Madison avenue and Twenty-seventh street to-day and who told the police that two masked men had tied him up after relieving him of \$113, confessed this afternoon, after the application of the third degree at Police Headquarters, that he tied himself up and invented the story of daring highwaymen to cover up the loss of the money, which he had just collected from Browne's chop-house, at Broadway and Fortieth street. Kass insists that he actually lost the money, nevertheless, Inspector McCuskey made a charge of larceny against him and put him in a cell.

No more artistic tale than that told by young Kass was ever evolved from the whole cloth. A policeman found the youth's horse dragging the meat wagon aimlessly about the street, and on investigation found Kass inside, tied hand and foot, and with his coat over his head.

Manacled and Discontented.

He took Kass to the station-house, where the boy, who is only eighteen years old, said that he had been driving down Madison avenue when two masked men got in the rear of his wagon, hauled him from the seat, bound and gagged him and then relieved him of \$113. The men threatened to kill him if he made any outcry, he said.

As the result of this story and the good character of Browne's chop-house, some twenty detectives were sent out to find the bold highwaymen. Finally two of Inspector McCuskey's men got hold of Kass and concluded that he was just the ordinary garden variety of liar. They worked hard to get him to admit that he tied himself up, but the boy was game and stuck to his story.

Third Degree Works.

Neither the street nor the station-house is the place for the successful working of the mysterious third degree. At Police Headquarters the thing can be done in finished fashion by experienced hands.

After his arrest there he looked as though he had been drawn through a wire, and his assistants, even Higgins, were not allowed to keep a record of it. Here is what Kass had to say:

Tied Himself Up.

"I collected the money early and started back for Brooklyn, first getting breakfast at Browne's chop-house across Thirty-ninth street to Madison avenue and then down to Twenty-seventh street. At that corner I felt my pocket as usual, and I found it empty. It was gone. I was scared and didn't know what to do. I had carried it in the pocket of my shirt and it must have fallen out. I drove all over my route again, but couldn't find the money. Then I decided to write a letter to the Emergency Committee of the Employers' Association, reciting the offer of the committee, and expect a reply to-morrow."

COL. BACON OUT FOR PARKER.

Col. Alexander S. Bacon, for many years prominent in Republican circles and a speaker of national prominence, has announced his intention of supporting David H. Davis. He stated to-day that he will probably take the stump for the Democratic candidates.

SENATOR DAVIS TO SPEAK.

Will Open Campaign in West Virginia at Wheeling Sept. 20.

Joseph McCunville, head of the Speakers' Bureau of the National Democratic Committee, announced to-day that Senator Davis would open the campaign in West Virginia at Wheeling on Sept. 20. He and ex-Senator Charles A. Towne will sound the first note of the campaign in that State, for it was stated at the Republican National Headquarters to-day that Senator Fairbanks and Senator Scott would open the West Virginia campaign at Charlottesville on Saturday evening.

BOMB HURLED AT ORPHANAGE.

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 14.—A dynamite bomb was exploded before the gate of St. Joseph's Orphanage here, and while nobody was injured, a panic among the inmates and parents followed. Five Anarchists are detained in custody on suspicion of being concerned in "old and in the recent bomb explosion at the Las Cortes."

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DIED.

LE STRANGE.—On Sept. 13, in the 31st year of her age, MARY, nee Whorl, beloved wife of Thomas J. Strange.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral from her late residence, 225 Martine ave., Thursday, Sept. 15, at 10 A. M., thence to the Church of the Holy Cross, Flatbush.

San Francisco papers please copy.

PERSONALS.

JOHN E. KINGLEY, Jr., of Stamford, Conn., communicates with others at once.

## MAY END STRIKE ON THE SCHOOLS

Richard H. Adams, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Education, Seeks to Stop Labor War.

## LABOR LEADER HAS NOW AGREED TO SIGN A TRUCE.

Mr. Nason Will Permit the Members of the Trades Alliance to Resume Work on the Buildings.

A determined effort was made this afternoon to bring about some kind of a truce between the members of the Building Trades Alliance who are either on strike or locked out and the employers who are building school buildings in the various boroughs so that the school work at least can go ahead without further delay. If the effort is successful, it means nearly 25,000 additional seats between now and Feb. 1.

Richard H. Adams, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Education, is the man who is making the effort to bring about this measure of peace. He invited President William Nason, of the Building Trades Alliance, and a number of other leaders to confer with him at the Board of Education building, on Park avenue. Mr. Nason promptly accepted the invitation.

Schools That Are Delayed.

Mr. Adams has a list of schools which are affected by the strikes and lockouts in Manhattan. The schools are No. 21, at Monroe and Gouverneur streets; No. 82, at Hester and Essex streets; No. 106, at Mott and Elizabeth streets; No. 10, at Broome and Cannon streets; No. 165, at One Hundred and Ninth street and Amsterdam avenue; No. 10, at Union avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

The Commercial High School, at many avenue and Dean street; the Manual Training School, at Fifth street and Seventh avenue; and School No. 6, on Pacific street, in Queens, Public School No. 81, at Ridgewood, is the only school in the city which is not affected by the strikes.

By dismissing the non-union electricians, who caused the strike on the Manual Training School, in Brooklyn to-day, the contractors succeeded in getting some of the strikers to return to work. Others are expected back to-morrow, and there is a reasonable prospect of this school being finished before the end of the year.

Mr. Adams said to-day that if he could get work resumed on the schools enumerated within a few days he would have the schools open by the first of Feb. 1 as follows: In Manhattan, 4,500; in Brooklyn, 4,500; in the Bronx, 4,500; in Queens, 4,500; and in Richmond, 4,500.

Talk of the Building.

The committee of the Building Trades Alliance, which waited upon Chairman Adams, was composed of William Nason, President of the Alliance, and delegates, including the Rev. John Cutters; James J. Dailey, of the Tile Layers; John J. Crowe, of the Plasterers; and John McKewen, of the Stone Cutters.

The committee was received by Chairman Adams at the Board of Education Building, at Madison street and Broadway. Mr. Adams, addressing the committee, said: "The schools, as you know, are overcrowded. Whether it is your fault or the fault of the employers is not for us to say or determine. We must have the schools finished to